Bombay has since been sanctioned and paid a reward of Rs. 40,000/-. The reward is purely an ex-gratia payment and is granted on the absolute discretion of the competent authority and cannot be claimed as a matter of right. In determining the reward the competent authority keeps in mind various factors such as the specificity and accuracy of the information, the risk and trouble undertaken, the extent and nature of help rendered by the informer, whether the information gives clues to persons involved in smuggling or their associates etc., before determining the amount of reward to be given in a particular case. In the present case, the competent authority has concluded that Rs. 40,000/- was adequate as reward to Shri Minoo Khodabadna Irani.

Funds to Andhra Pradesh for construction of court buildings

1963. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of funds allotted to Andhra Pradesh Government for the construction of new court buildings during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the amount during 1989-90 keeping in view the old and damaged court buildings; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) A sum of Rs. 249.49 lakhs was allocated for construction of court buildings during 1985—89.

(b) and (c) The Ninth Finance Commission has recommended an outlay of Rs. 165 lakhs for 1989-90.

Allegations against United Bank of India Branch Tripura

1964. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of the United Bank of India has received any representation from the Leader of the Opposition, Tripura Assembly, against the alleged corrupt and illegal practices adopted in Tripura by the branches while identifying the beneficiaries and issuing loans under the blanket schemes of loan mela; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken on the said representation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b). United Bank of India have reported that they received a letter dated 5th November, 1988 from Shri Nripen Chakraborty, Leader of the Opposition, Tripura Legislative Assembly. In this letter he had drawn attention to the judgement of Guwahati High Court and Reserve Bank of India's guidelines and ground rules to be observed while selecting beneficiaries and sought clarification on the position of the bank as the Lead Bank in conducting crash credit delivery programme in November, 1988.

The Chairman of the United Bank of India, in his letter dated 18th November, 1988 addressed to Shri Nripen Chakraborty clarified that banks in Tripura, in conducting the crash credit delivery programme on an on going basis for the benefit of the poor are only acting in the public interest and these programmes are not at all violative of the observations of the High Court of Guwahati. He had further pointed out that Crash Credit Delivery Programmes are being periodically organised in the State on the basis of modalities worked out in consultation with State Level Bankers' Committee. In so far as banks are concerned, processing of the proposals and the final disposal of the ap-

plications are entirely non-political aimed to uplift the poor with appropriate suport from the Governmental agencies.

Profits of Coca Cola Company

1965. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH :

SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI :

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI :

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the profits to be generated by the Coca Cola Company in the first five years of operation and what will be the dividends for the same period;

(b) what will be the retained profits and under what heads these retained profits will be used for;

(c) whether Government propose to impose any restriction on repatriation of profits by the Coca Cola Company; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSHI): (a) and (b) According to the application of the company, the profit estimated in the first five years of operation is about Rs. 18.75 crores out of which an amount of Rs. 5.26 crores is shown as dividends to be repatriated. The Company has not indicated the mode of deployment of the retained profits. There is no restriction on the repatriation of profits by units in the Export processing Zones. However, the operations of the units are subject to the achievement of the prescribed value addition, net foreign exchange earnings and other terms and conditions specified in the approval letter.

(c) and (d) The Government have not taken a decision on the proposal of M/s. Coca Cola.

Seminar on Water Crisis

1966. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether chalking out a Master Plan for better management and monitoring of resources was the main theme of the discussion on the water organised by the India Society recently;

(b) whether any decision has been taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Amount collected by the Agha Khan during his visit to India

1967. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount collected by the Agha Khan from his followers during the visit to India this year;

(b) whether any audited accounts are being maintained of all collections made by him personally or through his various Jamatkhanas; and

(c) whether all or part of these collections are treated as his personal income ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT